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REGULATORY CLOSED WATERS UPDATE: This announcement closes waters in the vicinity of select stream and river mouths to provide protection of salmon escapement. Under the authority of 5 AAC 39.290 Closed Waters (c), a list of Latitude/Longitude points is being implemented around which waters within a 500-yard radius are closed to commercial fishing. **This list of Latitude/Longitude points has been updated since 2012. It will be in effect starting 8:00 pm, Saturday, June 29 and remain effective through the remainder of the 2013 commercial salmon fishing season. Closed areas defined by existing markers remain in effect.** Electronic copies of the list and associated map detailing these updated regulatory closed waters are available at the following web address under the *Prince William Sound Anadromous Waters Closures* heading:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.salmon#/maps>

Copies of the list and map will also be available in the Cordova ADF&G office. In the past a system of markers was used to identify closed areas. Maintenance of that marker program ended in 2003 because of lack of funding. Since that time, some markers have fallen or otherwise disappeared or are obscured from view by vegetation. The closures associated with this list of Lat/Long coordinates are implemented to supplement the marker program closures and clearly identify enforceable closed areas that protect salmon escapement. Streams were selected that had markers in the past or are part of aerial survey escapement monitoring. The selection of these streams ensures protection of the primary salmon producing systems in Prince William Sound. The Anadromous Waters Catalog is the source of the Lat/Long coordinates in the list. The datum for these regulatory coordinates is NAD 1983.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to occur by 2:00 pm Saturday, June 29.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web addresses:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareacopperriver.main> (Copper River homepage) or
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.